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Subject: Re: Prompt Written Communication / DUCivR 37-1

Date: November 19, 2024 at 7:59 AM
To: Russell Greer russmark@gmail.com
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Good morning,

To be clear, I reiterate the requirements of DUCivR 26-2 (b): "it is improper to object to a discovery request or fail to produce Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) initial disclosures on the basis that the court has not entered a protective order." You are basically repeating via email this morning what you said in May, which is that you will not produce information unless it is kept secret. The rules expressly forbid what you are doing.

Regardless, the Court yesterday entered the Standard Protective Order. We will comply with the Standard Protective Order except to the extent it is modified or vacated by the District Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction.

You also have not addressed at all your failure to provide documents or tangible information, or materials supporting your calculation of damages. You seem to be focused only on the issue of witnesses, but that is only one of at least three ways you are in violation of Rule 26.

I make absolutely no promises as to what we will do with any discoverable information other than that we will comply with the orders of the Court and the rules of the Court. As required by DUCivR 37-1, I again ask that you take one of the following actions:

- 1. Supplement/amend your "Initial Disclosures" prior to January 2, 2024.
- 2. Inform me when you are available to meet and confer regarding your failure to comply with Rule 26 (I provided three options 12/3/2024 at Noon, or alternatively on 12/4/2024 at Noon, or alternatively on 12/5/2024 at Noon).

Best,

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On Nov 19, 2024, at 6:46 AM, Russell Greer <russmark@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning,

Now that I can reply to you better, I wanted to say that the earlier initial disclosures didn't include identifying information because as they mentioned, I didn't want to publicly list them in the document because your client's site has a reputation for stalking people associated with me. If I list that information, Mr moon will once again publish it on his site. The disclosures clearly say this.

Further, your mischaracterization of me as being hostile is omitting a few things. Written words can make communication seem hostile. Inflection can be hard to infer. Also, I considered you not wanting to even consider removing me from the site, after you asked my counsel to talk in December, to be hostile and so that's why. You keep going on about length of time, when you and your very unkind client have refused to remove anything, thus dragging this out.

If you can promise me that Moon won't publish names on his site, I might disclose names, etc, but right now, I can't without that assurance.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 18, 2024, at 3:59 PM, Matthew Hardin <matthewdhardin@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon.

I write pursuant to DUCivR 37-1. As you know, when your case was pending in the Northern District of Florida, you emailed me purported initial disclosures on 5/15/24. These initial disclosures are inadequate for reasons including but not limited to:

- 1) You have failed to provide "the name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information—along with the subjects of that information—that the disclosing party may use to support its claims or defenses..." Instead, you have merely stated that "there are witnesses," but that you will not disclose their names or contact information. This is impermissible pursuant to DUCivR 26-2 (b), which states that "it is improper to object to a discovery request or fail to produce Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) initial disclosures on the basis that the court has not entered a protective order." Regardless, the Court today entered the Standard Protective Order, so any objection you might have once had is now moot. You must provide this information as specifically enumerated in Rule 26.
- 2) You have failed to provide "a copy—or a description by category and location—of all documents, electronically stored information, and tangible things that the disclosing party has in its possession, custody, or control and may use to support its claims or defenses." Instead, you have merely stated that "There are not any documents in Plaintiff's possession that would need to be provided to Defendants' counsel, aside" from various documents which you acknowledge exist but which you have also not provided. You must provide this information as specifically enumerated in Rule 26.

3) for have failed to provide materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries surfered. I therefore cannot ascertain the basis for your computation of damages. You must provide this information as specifically enumerated in Rule 26.

You have failed to comply with Rule 26 and any of the requirements it imposes, except perhaps for the bare computation of damages, which itself is unaccompanied by the necessary supporting materials. I **therefore invite you to either revise or supplement your Initial Disclosures prior to 12/02/2024, as permitted by the Court's order this afternoon**. If you revise or supplement your initial disclosures prior to 12/02/2024, I will not file a motion to compel with respect to the initial disclosures which were originally served on 5/15/2024.

If you do not revise or supplement your initial disclosures prior to 12/2/2024, I request a meet and confer pursuant to DUCivR 37-1 (a) (2)(B). Such a meet and confer could take place via Zoom on 12/3/2024 at Noon, or alternatively on 12/4/2024 at Noon, or alternatively on 12/5/2024 at Noon. If we are unable to resolve our differences, I will file a motion pursuant to DUCivR 37-1 (b) to compel you to supplement your initial disclosures, or for appropriate sanctions as a result of failure to make proper initial disclosures in full compliance with Rule 26.

Best

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